

Sale E Pepe celebrates a golden year, as the high society restaurant re-opens its doors after a 50th-anniversary renaissance

Beloved by the likes of Rod Stewart and Diana Ross, Sale e Pepe has been bringing *una fetta di Milano* to Knightsbridge for decades

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ALL THE GLITTERS: SALE E PEPE ON KNIGHTBRIDGE'S PAVILLION ROAD HAS BEEN A MAINSTAY OF LONDON'S GLITTERATI FOR FIVE DECADES, AND NOW THE ITALIAN EATERY IS RE-OPENING ITS DOORS AFTER A LUXURY REFURBISHMENT

And while the food is always the main reason to make a visit to Sale e Pepe, the new interiors are enough to make your mouth water. With refurbishments led by luxury interiors studio Hamilford Design, the restaurant's renaissance draws inspiration from Corricelli's hometown of Puglia and traditional Milanese townhouses – all bronze mirrors and marble-topped bars.

Thesleff, who made his name as a **restaurateur** in the Middle East, described the 'exhilarating and intimidating' experience of re-launching the restaurant. He tells *Tatler*, 'We feel privileged to carry on Toni's legacy and serve the loyal patrons of this iconic restaurant. It was equally exhilarating and intimidating to unveil the new Sale e Pepe. We aimed to breathe new life into the restaurant while paying homage to its rich history. We're confident that Toni and our guests will be as thrilled as we are with the transformation.'